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JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR DALITS IN PUBLIC SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the job opportunities, particularly for Dalits in public sector in the wake of implementation of new economic policies since the year 1991 till date;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the job opportunities for the Dalits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): Employment in the public sector was 190.57 lakhs as on 31.3.1991 which increased to 191.38 lakhs as on 31.3.2001. Thus, employment opportunities, including for dalits, increased during the period between 1991 and 2001.

(c): There is a provision of reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in services under the state including public sector undertakings, statutory, semi-Government and autonomous bodies. Reservation has also been extended to voluntary agencies receiving grants-in-aid from the Government.

In the cases of disinvestments involving transfer of management control, appropriate provisions are made in the share-purchase agreement and the shareholder agreement with the strategic partner. Typically, the agreements include a recital stating that the strategic partner recognizes that the Government in relation to its employment policies follows certain principles for the benefit of the members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes and the strategic partner shall use its best efforts to cause the Company to provide adequate job opportunities for such persons.